

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
NO. 5:21-CT-3270-D

TRACEY EDWARDS,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
BUFFALOE, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
)

**COUNSEL'S MOTION
TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR
LORAFATH RAGANO
AND UNKNOWN JOHN DOE**

NOW COMES Special Deputy Attorney General Sonya Calloway-Durham, of the North Carolina Department of Justice, moving to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant Lorafath Ragano [Defendant Ragano] and Unknown John Doe [Defendant Doe] in the above-captioned matter, and therefore to be relieved of any further responsibilities or obligations herein. In support of this motion, the undersigned states the following:

1. On August 3, 2022, the undersigned entered a notice of appearance in the above-captioned matter. In doing so, she inadvertently neglected to “uncheck” the box for Defendants Ragano and Defendant Doe, and instead checked the box for “all defendants.”
2. As of the date of the filing of this motion, it is the understanding of the undersigned that Defendant Ragano has not been served with process in the above-captioned matter. In addition, the undersigned is not yet aware of the identity of Defendant Doe.
3. It is also the understanding of the undersigned, that Defendant Ragano no longer is employed with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, such that contact with her has been problematic.
4. As such, the North Carolina Department of Justice, by and through its duties under

the Defense of State Employees Act, has not been able to investigate or determine whether to offer representation to Defendant Ragano or Defendant Doe. Thus, the undersigned as an employee of the North Carolina Department of Justice, does not have the authority to represent either Defendant Ragano or Defendant Doe.

Respectfully submitted this the 4th day of August, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing **COUNSEL'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR LORAFATH RAGANO AND UNKNOWN JOHN DOE** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will provide an electronic copy to:

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This the 4th day of August, 2022.

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